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From: DSD, Natural Resources

Subject: Statewide National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) Workshop

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We have scheduled a statewide NLCS workshop for March 12-14, 2002 to be held in Napa, California at the Embassy Suites in Napa. The purpose of the workshop is four-fold. We want to bring together for the first time all managers of "Special Areas" to:

1. Compare issues each "Special Area" is facing as well as their successes in resolving the issues.
2. Develop a statewide policy handbook for managing our "Special Areas",
3. Develop a strategy among the managers for both addressing and completing their more important management objectives over the next two-five years.
4. Develop a list of "master performers" who have special skills that can be shared among the "Special Area" managers.

The target audience includes managers and appropriate staff for each NLCS area (i.e., Santa Rosa, Carrizo Plains, California Coastal, King Range, California Desert Conservation Area, Headwaters, and Black Rock/High Rock) and other "Special Areas" managed by BLM in California. Examples of "Special Areas" could include Big Morongo, Cache Creek, Cosumnes River, Otay Mountain, Fort Ord, Piedras Blancas, etc. The focus of this workshop will not be on the general management of wilderness/WSA, Wild and Scenic Rivers, or National Historic and Scenic Trails. Statewide workshops to deal with the management of those areas are scheduled in late February and June.

By February 6, 2002 we ask that each office managing a NLCS area or "Special Area" provide a list

of potential attendees to the workshop; attention CA-930, Paul Brink. Besides the managers of the “Special Area”, other attendees should include interpretative specialists, field managers, and persons in public affairs.

For each attendee who manages a “Special Area” we also ask that they provide by February 6, a one page briefing paper of the area which includes;

- a) an overview of the area with a focus on its special values,
- b) why the area was designated (e.g., legislation, proclamation, plan objective, etc.), and
- c) the 5-10 most important management issues you will be working on in the next five years (by priority), and
- d) agenda items which should be addressed at the workshop. Examples of some agenda topics you could include in your briefing paper may be;
 - how we should handle visitor use,
 - how we should deal with outreach,
 - processes for monitoring use and the values for which the area is designated,
 - dealing with advisory councils,
 - proper tables of organizations for each area,
 - preparation of the plans,
 - selling the “Special Area” concept to garner more funding,
 - budgets, and
 - providing for persons who require special needs.

From your briefing paper we will develop a final agenda that hopefully meets your needs.

The workshop is designed to maximize participant involvement with ample time for questions and answers, group discussion, and area comparisons. There is no registration fee, however, travel and per diem is to be covered by each participant’s home office. Once we receive your desired list of attendees and the one-page briefing document we will finalize the agenda and send the attendee a registration packet.

Questions should be referred to Paul Brink at (916) 978-4641 or Rich Burns at (707) 468-4070. Again, nominations and the briefing paper for this workshop must be sent to Paul via e-mail or in writing no later than February 6, 2002.

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